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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - RWS&S - Allegations of irregularities in execution of Gram Panchayat works in Pydurupadu Village in Vijayawada Rural Mandal of NTR District - Disciplinary proceedings against Smt.K.Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural) under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.238. **Dated 02.05.2023.**

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-II and Annexure-III.

3. Smt. K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural) is directed to submit written statement of her defence within (90) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt. K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural)is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Smt. K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural), is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the period specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Smt. K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural), is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Smt. K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action

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will be taken against her for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt .K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC),
RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural) through the Engineer-in-Chief,
RWS&S, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS &S, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledgement copy)

Copy to:
The Deputy Registrar, Hon'ble Lokayukta, Kurnool.
The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The PR&RD (Estt.II) Department.
Sf/Sc.

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B. Bharati
SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT.K. SUIATHA, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (FAC), RWS&S, VIIAYAWADA OF NTR DISTRICT.

CHARGE –II

That Smt. K. Sujatha, the then Dy. Executive Engineer(FAC), RWS&S Section, Vijayawada (Rural) has committed irregularities in execution of works "Extension of pipeline in four reaches in **Pydurupadu** G.P in Vijayawada R) Mandal. While procuring G.I pipe, pre-delivery Q.C inspection was not conducted. The average weight of the said G.I pipes utilized in Pydurupadu are less than the allowable tolerance limit (-10%) as per IS 1239 Part-I i.e., 30% less. Hence, the laying of substandard pipes utilized shall be rejected. Thus the Payment made towards the cost of substandard pipes, which were laid in three reaches is Rs.13,02,375/-. Further, G.I Pipes laid on road without excavation of trench of size 0.50 x0.05m which causes an excess payment of Rs.1,98,918/- in 3 reaches. Hence, the total payment made in three reaches is Rs.15,01,293 on the said work is unfruitful.

B. RAJSEKHAR,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF THE IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF EACH ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. K. SUIATHA, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (FAC), RWS&S, VIIAYAWADA OF NTR DISTRICT.

BASIS :-

The Chief Engineer V&QC in Lr.No.AEE3/Dee/V&QC/ADVERSE NEWS/ LOKAYUKTA/NTR DIST/2022, DT.14.12.2022 has submitted a detailed report as inquired by the Superintending Engineer, RWS&S, NTR Dist on the Confidential Probe on the Complaint No.1808/2022/B1,1809/2022/B1,1810 /2022/B1, 1811/2022/B1 registered in Hon'ble Lokayukta filed by Sri G. Surya Kiran Kumar. In his enquiry report the S.E has reported that only (4) works were taken up out of (8) works sanctioned in Rayanpadu and Pydurupadu Gram Panchayats in Vijayawada (Rural) and remaining (4) works are not started. In his enquiry report the S.E has reported that only (4) works were taken up in Pydurupadu GP. Regarding GI pipes KALINGA brand of 65mm dia Medium class Pipes, Smt.K.Sujatha, DEE(FAC) has not conducted any pre-delivery quality control inspection and not issued any QC clearance Certificate and the same was check measured. After execution of work and on verification of the works by the S.E, it is observed that the average weights of the said GI Pipes are less than the allowable tolerance limit (-10%) as per IS 1239 Part-I i.e., 30% less. Hence, the laying of substandard pipes utilized shall be rejected. Thus the Payment made towards the cost of substandard pipes, which were laid in three reaches is Rs.13,02,375/-. Further, G.I Pipes laid on road without excavation of trench of size 0.50 x0.05m which causes an excess payment of Rs.1,98,918/- in 3 reaches. Therefore, the total payment made in three reaches is Rs.15,01,293 (excess payment) loss to the Govt. Exchequer. From this, it is clearly evident that the said individual has shown gross negligence, lack of supervision, integrity, devotion to duty and thereby violated Rule (3) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. K. SUIATHA. THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (FAC). RWS&S. VIIAYAWADA OF NTR DISTRICT.

1. Lr.No.AEE3/DEE/V&QC/ADVERSE NEWS/LOKAYUKTA/NTR DISTRICT/2022, Dt:14.12.2022 of the Chief Engineer, RWS&S (V&QC), Gollapudi, Vijayawada.

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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. K. SUIATHA. THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (FAC). RWS&S. VIIAYAWADA OF NTR DISTRICT.

- NIL –

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